



**Delaware Jockey's Health & Welfare Benefit Board
Minutes of Regular Meeting Held On
November 7, 2012**

The Delaware Jockey's Health & Welfare Benefit Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 7, 2012, at 9:15 a.m., in the New Castle Room of the Grandstand at Delaware Park, 777 Delaware Park Boulevard, Wilmington, Delaware 19804.

The following Board members were present:

Edward J. Stegemeier, Chairman
W. Duncan Patterson, Jr., Ex-Officio
Bessie Gruwell, DTHA Board Member
John E. Mooney, Delaware Park, Executive Director of Racing
Esteban Unsihuay, Delaware Jockey Board Member

The following Board members were excused:

Heriberto Rivera, Jr., Jockey's Guild Board Member
Delaware Jockey Board Member – position currently vacant

The following individuals also were present:

Andrew Kerber, Esq., Deputy Attorney General, Commission Counsel
John F. Wayne, DTRC Executive Director
Robert E. Colton, Delaware Jockey's Association, Director
Eric Jones, Retired Jockey
Shelley Perkins, DTRC, Paralegal I (recording minutes)
Dr. John T. Peters, D.V.M., DTRC, Chief Commission Veterinarian
Dr. Jane C. Teichner, V.M.D., DTRC, Associate Commission Veterinarian

1. **WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER**

At 9:21 a.m. Chairman Stegemeier called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

An audio recorder is in use by the Board and a digital recording of the meeting is underway.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon a motion duly made (Mooney) and seconded (Gruwell) minutes of April 11, 2012 were approved as submitted.

3. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **Trauma Center at Christiana Hospital**

On October 11, 2012, Edward Stegemeier, John Wayne, and Robert Colton met with the medical director and trauma center administrators at Christiana Hospital to discuss how jockeys are handled when they are packaged by E.M.T.'s following racing accidents. There was a consensus that jockeys with trauma cases would be fast tracked for evaluation and treatment. A video presentation showing recent horse racing accidents at Delaware Park proved helpful in demonstrating that a rider ejected from a horse is similar in nature to a motorcycle accident. The trauma center personnel were quick to realize that equine / rider injuries are serious. The Hospital officials were also provided with a sample jockey insurance card and advised that these cards are contained either on a lanyard around the rider's neck or contained within a pocket in their safety vests. Mr. Wayne also indicated that he would develop a policy of when falls or spills occur, a video will be retained and forwarded to the hospital to aid doctors in assessing injuries after the initial evaluation and treatment is performed.

On October 12, 2012 Mr. Wayne contacted International Sound (Mr. David Snyder) about this new policy addition. On October 13, 2012, Mr. Wayne met with Ed Brennan, Director of Television for International Sound at Delaware Park and confirmed the policy that will take place hence forth.

Contacts made at the Christiana Care Health Services:

Emergency, Trauma and Aeromedical Services

Dr. Sweeney, Medical Director

Linda Laskowski Jones, RN, MS, ACNS-BC, CEN, Vice President

Karen Toulson, RN, BSN, CEN, Nurse Manager

B. **2012 Safety and Welfare of the Racehorse Summit – Executive Director Wayne**

October 16th and October 17, 2012. The two-day conference was hosted by the Jockey Club and Keeneland Association in Lexington, Kentucky. Delaware was complimented frequently as a model jurisdiction.

Mr. Wayne, the DTRC Executive Director, was invited to speak on a panel of industry experts regarding safety initiatives employed in Delaware. Included in Mr. Wayne's presentation was the Trauma Center meeting at Christiana Hospital. On-Track warning systems were discussed and reference made to an incident in Indiana in which a new tractor failed to move the starting gate off the race track during the running of a race.

4. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

- A. **2012 Schedule of Costs & 2013 Projection of Costs**
- B. **Participation Summary**
- C. **Excess On-Track Benefits**
- D. **Counseling Services**
- E. **Health Insurance Rates**
- F. **Dental, Vision & Life Insurance Rates**

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Dietician**

Mr. Colton requested and received the Board's approval to fully research and get specifics for a (bi-lingual) dietician to be present in the jockey room a few days a week. At the January 9, 2013 meeting, Mr. Colton will present specific details to the Board for approval. The Board will be presented with the specific details on weekly costs and how many days a week needed.

B. **Contracts Expiring**

The BEAP contract and Mr. Colton's administrative contract were reported to be due for renewal. The current contracts include an automatic renewal clause but the board may decide to review the contracts at the January 9, 2013 meeting in Dover.

C. **"Robert Colton Enterprises"**

Mr. Colton reported that due to IRS non-profit rules he is considering closing (dissolving) his business known as "Delaware Jockey's Association" to act individually under the name "Robert Colton Enterprises." The Delaware Jockey's Association is the administrator of the health plan funded by the DJH&WBB.

Mr. Kerber will provide his opinion as to Mr. Colton's situation on or before the January 9, 2013 meeting in Dover. However, it was the consensus of the Board that Mr. Colton not make that change.

D. **Board Composition**

It was the consensus of the Board to change composition of this Board to 1 retired jockey and 1 active jockey. The possible rule change may be addressed at the January 9, 2013 meeting in Dover.

E. **Health Contracts Expiring**

Mr. Colton advised that the health contracts expiring with MOC and United on December 1, 2013 and may require the Board to meet prior to the January 9, 2013 meeting in Dover.

G. **January 9, 2013**

The Board may require more than the scheduled one hour on January 9, 2013. And in fact may need to meet before January 9, 2013 – at the very least a conference call may be required.

6. **ADJOURNED**

At 10:00 a.m., upon a motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned.

The Board is scheduled to meet next on January 9, 2013, beginning at 10:15 a.m. and ending at 11:15 a.m., in Dover, Delaware at the main building of the Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 S. DuPont Highway, Dover, Delaware 19901.